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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/443,115 ) Group Art Unit: 2626  
Filed: November 18, 1999 ) Confirmation No.: 6777  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) July 28, 2005  
AND METHOD AND COMPUTER )  
PROGRAM PRODUCT )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2005, Applicants submit  
the following amendments and remarks.